

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the present amendments and following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-25 are pending. Claims 1, 7, and 13 have been amended. No new matter has been added by any of the amendments. Support for the amendments can be found in the Specification at page 14, line 17- page 15, line 2.

In prior art reservation systems including a plurality of reservation subjects, the reservation system “wizard” was complicated by the plurality of input components to be controlled. See the Specification page 2, lines 16-22. To that end, independent claim 1 is directed to a reservation registration apparatus for performing a reservation registration process of causing an arbitrary reservation subject to be manipulated at a specified starting time. The reservation registration apparatus includes, among other things, a selection mechanism configured to receive input media for the arbitrary reservation subject. The input media is generated by at least one component, and the selection mechanism is configured to select and mix analog, digital, and optical formats of the input media generated by the at least one component. The reservation registration apparatus further includes a conversion mechanism configured to appropriately convert the formats of the input media generated by the at least one component so that the input media for the arbitrary reservation subject can be properly performed, and a process control mechanism configured to control a power supply and to control the performance of the reservation subject according to the starting time of the reservation time.

Independent claim 7 is directed to a method of reservation registration for performing a reservation registration process of causing an arbitrary reservation subject to be manipulated at a specified starting time. The method includes, among other steps, receiving input media for the arbitrary reservation subject, where the input media is generated by at

least one component; selecting and mixing analog, digital and optical formats of the input media generated by the at least one component; and converting the formats of the input media generated by the at least one component so that the input media for the arbitrary reservation subject can be properly performed. Claim 13 is directed to a computer readable medium storing computer program instructions for implementing the method of claim 7.

The official action acknowledges that Matoba does not teach, among other things, input media having at least one component, or selection means operating to select and mix formats of the at least one component of the media. Applicants agree. However, the official action asserts that Pietropaolo teaches an input having at least one component (video), and receiving media of different formats (audio and video).

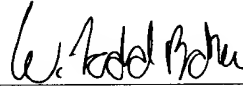
In contrast to the present invention (claim 1 as amended), however, Pietropaolo does not teach selecting and mixing analog, digital, and optical formats of input media generated by at least one component. Rather, Pietropaolo is directed to a video editing system including a video editor and an audio editor. The audio editor accesses re-sampled audio segments and source audio segments stored by a *digital* database system. The Pietropaolo video editing system does not teach or suggest mixing audio, digital, and optical formatted input media. Consequently, if the Matoba scheduling management system was modified in view of Pietropaolo, the resulting system would not cure the deficiencies of the prior art where the input components are in various formats.

Mizuno and Nakajima are asserted in the official action for their teachings regarding power management, and are not believed to cure the deficiencies of Matoba et al. and Pietropaolo et al.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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